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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy, Field Activities, OSA

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : TWX, [REDACTED], Subj "KC-135 Tanker Support for Proj. IDEALIST", dtd 1 Aug 63

1. The recommendation to consolidate IDEALIST and OXCART Tanker Support utilizing the 903rd Unit at Beale AFB, outlined in the reference, represents a departure from the basic Security philosophy of compartmenting Projects. Regretfully I cannot concur in the recommendation.

2. Considerable effort has been expended to conceal the operational mission of Project OXCART from the Tanker personnel at Beale AFB. To date the Tanker crews participating in training missions have been briefed for Project KEDLOCK. Project OXCART briefings have been limited to Colonel Sam J. Byerley, Wing Commander, and Lt. Colonel Salvador Felices, Squadron Operations Officer. The primary mission of the OXCART vehicle will not be revealed to Crew personnel until they participate in an actual operation.

3. Exposure of the Beale crews to Project IDEALIST missions at this time, would in my opinion destroy the sound security procedures established for Project OXCART. The suggested consolidation is contrary to the strictest security controls dictated by the National priority attached to Project OXCART.

4. This office has also been lead to believe that ARC-50 modifications to the KC-135's, and Tanker Support to [REDACTED] training missions for Projects OXCART and KEDLOCK will in the near future fully occupy the [REDACTED]

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